Au revoir les enfants

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“Au revoir les enfants” is translated into “goodbye children”, that is title of the movie we saw. It takes place in the 1943- 1944 in France at a boys boarding school. During this time the Holocaust was still happening. The main character Julien Quentin attends the boarding school after returning from vacation. He acts tough and too cool for school. He acts like that so the students look up to him. Out of school he is a mommy's boy and still wets the bed. All of the school stuff changes when Père Jean, the headmaster introduces a few new students. Julien then starts to suspect one of his new fellow students Jean Bonnet. He starts to think that Jean is Jewish. His suspicions are confirmed but even though he is Jewish he still befriends him. Jean and Julian become close friends. In the end of the movie Father Pere and the new students ( including Bonnet) are caught and sent to concentration camps where they die.  
  
What did I think of this movie? I think the best way to put it was I respected it and understood the meaning behind it. I thought it was extremely sad at some points but meaningful. It was interesting on how the characters acted around each other. I did not really like on how there was very little interaction with characters outside the school.